

August 30, 1962

## Ray J. Freeland

Funeral services for Ray J. Freeland, 78, lifelong resident of Claremont, were held Saturday, at the Claremont Methodist church, the Rev. Preston Brown officiating.

Pallbearers were Donald, Wesley and Warren Pierson, Kenneth Frey, Arvid Suther and George Shuller. Burial was in the Huffton cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Faetznick Funeral Home, Groton.

R. J. Freeland was born April 4th, 1884 at Claremont. His parents, Thomas and Emma Freeland were pioneers from Michigan.

He passed away, August 22nd, in his sleep on the same farm where he was born and where he lived all his life.

He never married. Since his mother's death in 1943, he lived alone.

He was of retiring nature and although partially crippled he was filled with the zest of living and the beauty of all nature around him. No cloud was ever so dark or stormy that he couldn't see the silver lining.

Many a worthy and needy person of his acquaintance has been helped by his generosity, always giving of himself and rarely accepting anything in return.

Mr. Freeland was a member of the Methodist church and the Masonic Order of Claremont.

He is survived by a brother, Roy of Houghton, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas (Myrtle) Jones of Groton, and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Those attending from a distance included Mr and Mrs Clark Taube and family of Minneapolis, Minn.